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January 28, 2019

Paul Gottinger MuckRock News **DEPT MR 67369** 411A Highland Ave Somerville, Massachusetts 02144 Via email: 67369-78441623@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This letter is regarding your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 25, 2019, assigned #19-00388-FOIA, as described in your attached request.

To ensure the most equitable treatment possible of all requesters, the CDC processes requests using a multiple track system based upon the estimated time it will take to process a request. Based on your description of the records you are seeking, your request has been placed provisionally in the simple track. If we determine during the search for documents or upon receipt of the documents that your request must be moved to the complex track, you will be notified.

The FOIA and HHS FOI regulations allow agencies to recover part of the costs of processing FOIA requests. There may be a charge for these records. You have been classified as News Media Requester, and as such, you will be not be charged fees unless you elect to receive any responsive records in hard copy (10 cents/page).

The cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records is initiated by program staff. You may check on the status of your case by going to our FOIA webpage at www2a.cdc.gov/od/foiastatus and entering this number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Mark Harper at 770-488-8154.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by March 29, 2018. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

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